

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 2, please replace the last paragraph bridging to the top of page 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- An implant of this type is known, for example, from DE 44 23 257 A1 ~~DE 44 23 2057 A1~~. This type of implant has proven itself in practice and has the simple possibility of distraction inherent in it, such that the two end implant parts that are arranged on the center implant part are screwed into the center implant part by way of their threaded connection and thereby are adjusted in height in the manner of a spindle. However, there must be must be a relatively great space requirement that is needed for the distraction, to be able to pivot a tool during the operation and thereby to rotate the implant parts relative to one another.--